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1. IN ABSENCE FONMIN, AMBASSADOR TOOK UP MOUNTING ISRAELI CONCERN WITH SEC GEN SADAQA PRIOR TO RECEIPT REFTEL. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION SADAQA RECOGNIZED THAT PROMISES GIVEN BY FEDAYEEN LEADERS AND SYRIAN GOVT RE CESSATION ACTIVITY FROM SOUTH LEBANON HAD NOT BEEN CARRIED OUT IN PRACTICE. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF POLITICAL AND PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES LIMITING GOL ABILITY CONTROL FEDAYEEN, INCLUDING PROBLEMS OF KEEPING BULK OF ARMY NEAR BEIRUT PROTECT AGAINST CIVIL DISTURBANCE (INCLUDING THREATS TO AMERICAN LIVES AND PROPERTY) AND OF LEBANON TAKING TOUGH LINE WITH FEDAYEEN WHILE ALL OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES ARE SOMEHOW PARTICIPATING IN WAR EFFORT. NEVERTHELESS, AMBASSADOR URGED STRONGLY THAT GOL SEE WHAT MORE IT

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COULD DO INCLUDING TOUGHER INSTRUCTIONS TO ARMY AND

POSSIBLY DEPLOYING MORE TROOPS TO SOUTH.

2. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION SADAQA BROUGHT UP GOL CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE DELIBERATE POLICY BY USSR TO "FISH IN TROUBLED WATERS" IN ORDER REPLACE UNITED STATES AS PREDOMINANT OUTSIDE INFLUENCE ON LEBANON (SEE BEIRUT 12264), SOV AMBASSADOR, ACCORDING TO SADAQA, HAS STEPPED UP LONG-STANDING PRESSURE FOR GOL RELY UPON USSR FOR MILITARY SUPPORT AND HAS MADE VERY DAMAGING CHARGES ABOUT USG AND GOL. HE HAS BEEN SAYING THAT RECENTLY-SUPPLIED AMERICAN AIRCRAFT WOULD VERY SOON UNLEASH MAJOR ATTACK ON SYRIA, OVERFLYING LEBANON, SO GOL NEEDS OBTAIN AND USE SOV SAM'S. HE ALSO ALLEGING THAT SIXTH FLEET WILL REFUEL FROM TAPLINE/MEDRECO FACILITIES. SADAQA AND AMBASSADOR AGREED THAT THIS SORT OF TALK PLUS EVACUATION OF BLOC DEPENDENTS (CONFIRMED BY SADAQA) COULD RPT COULD BE TIED IN WITH REPORTS THAT FEDAYEEN INTEND ATTACK AMERICAN INTERESTS AND THAT THEY HAVE OR ARE ACQUIRING SAM-7 MISSILES. THEY ALSO AGREED THAT ANY SOV STIMULATION OF FEDAYEEN ADDED TO GOL DIFFICULTIES IN CONTROLLING THEM.

3. SADAQA SAID HE WOULD URGENTLY TAKE UP QUESTION OF TIGHTER CONTROLS WITH PRES AND PM. HE RECOGNIZED IMPLICATIONS FOR LEBANON SHOULD FEDAYEEN ACTIVITIES CONTINUE AT PRESENT HIGH LEVEL, ALTHOUGH HE SAID REPORTS THAT GOL HAD "OPENED BORDERS" TO HUNDREDS OF FEDAYEEN INFILTRATORS WAS GREAT EXAGGERATION.

4. COMMENT: I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR KEATING'S RAPID RESPONSE, AND ENDORSE HIS SUGGESTION OF CONTINUED DIALOGUE WITH BOTH GOVTS ON THIS PROBLEM. I FEAR THAT GOI MIGHT BE TEMPTED USE FEDAYEEN ATTACKS (EVEN THOUGH REPORTED ISREALI CASUALTIES ARE LOWER THAN LEBANESE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES FROM IDF COUNTER-FIRE) AS EXCUSE FOR LAUNCHING MAJOR ATTACK ON LEBANON WITH CONSEQUENT THREAT TO 5 TO 6,000 MEMBERS AMERICAN COMMUNITY (BEIRUT 12310), OR EVEN FOR TAKING PORTION OF SOUTH LEBANON AS BARGAINING COUNTER FOR ULTIMATE NEGOTIATION OF SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES.

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